

SAT testing tips and strategies

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WRITING Section --- WRITTEN ESSAY:

1. Write a short (about 250-300 words), persuasive essay on an assigned topic.
2. Keep in mind the structure of an essay - 5 paragraphs consisting of an: Introduction, Body (about 3 paragraphs), Conclusion
3. The allotted time frame is 25 minutes. Read the essay question quickly and think about the topic (about 5 minutes). Allow most of your time (about 15 minutes) to write the essay. Spend the remaining 5 minutes reviewing and editing your work.
4. Introductory Paragraph should state the position that is being taken. It should also state about 3 points that support this position.
5. The Body Paragraphs should expand the points that you present with specific detail and examples.
6. The Concluding Paragraph should summarize your point of view by restating the thesis statement in a revised format.
7. Keep your writing simple.
8. Avoid wordiness.
9. Avoid slang.